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CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

in Newfoundland and Labrador

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for details on outdoor
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Viking Encampment
and much
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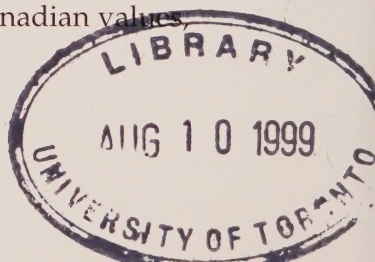
Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit. Our rich past is celebrated in a network of special places that together tell the stories of the land, people and events that shaped this country. Discover the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you at Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas.



Our Mission

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations.

These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity, and pride.



WELCOME

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Together, Newfoundland and Labrador make up a land mass that borders 17,500 kilometres of coastline and is three times larger than the other three Atlantic Provinces combined. This is a land of contrast and

intrigue where icebergs, whales, caribou and moose abound. A place where thousands of years of human history, a vibrant culture and pristine wilderness combine to offer you an experience like no other in the world.



Basque fishermen

With their rugged coastline and untouched wilderness, Newfoundland's two national parks offer world-class outdoor adventure opportunities such as bird, wildlife and whale-watching; hiking; kayaking; and camping.

At our national historic sites you can discover thousands of years of human history. People have lived and worked in Newfoundland and Labrador for thousands of years. Port au Choix was home to Aboriginal peoples over 4,000 years ago and the first authenticated European settlement in North America is

located at L'Anse aux Meadows, where Norse explorers lived 1000 years ago.

Newfoundland and Labrador's National Parks and Historic Sites are found in two distinct destination areas — the West Coast and the East Coast. Whether you're here for a short or long stay, this Vacation Planner will help you make the most of your visit.

Did You Know...

- Newfoundland is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Gros Morne National Park and L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site.
- During the summer months icebergs are a common sight. Icebergs are pieces of glaciers that have drifted south from Greenland, taking years to reach our shores.
- North America's most easterly point, Cape Spear, is located in Newfoundland and is a national historic site.
- The area stretching from Gros Morne to L'Anse aux Meadows is one of the best places in North America to view a variety of wildflowers, including a number of rare species.

- Our services are available in English and French.

Please Remember

- National parks and national historic sites are protected for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Please leave these areas as you found them so that others may enjoy them as you have.
- Pets are welcome in national parks (some restrictions apply) and on the grounds of historic sites, but must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Service dogs are permitted into all parks and buildings.
- A jacket and comfortable walking shoes are recommended when you visit all parks and sites.

Partners in Heritage

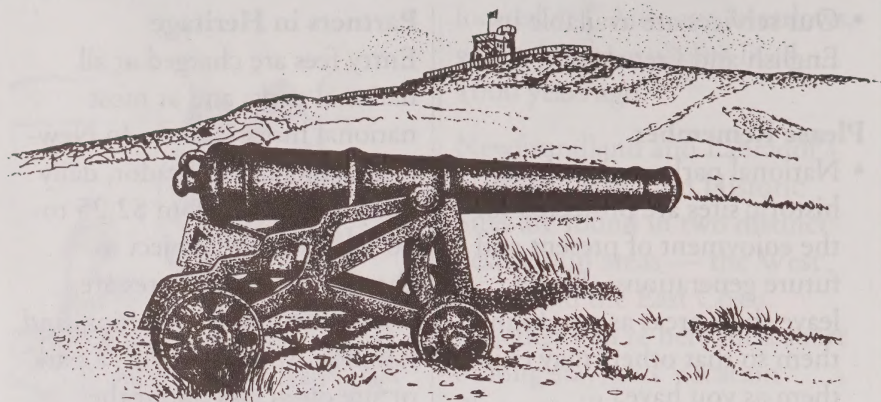
Entry fees are charged at all national parks and at most national historic sites. In Newfoundland and Labrador, daily entry fees range from \$2.25 to \$6 for an adult (subject to change). Reduced rates are offered for children, seniors and families. And if you visit a park or site often, ask about the availability of seasonal or multi-day passes.

In national parks, fees are charged for camping, golf, some interpretive events and other such services. Fees may also be charged for special programs and events.

The money raised through entry fees is used to preserve the parks

Ryan Premises





Smooth-bore gun at Signal Hill

and sites, and maintain the quality of visitor services and facilities. This means that every time you visit a park or site you are investing in its future — and in a legacy for future generations.

Group Tours & Travel Trade









Most parks and sites offer special services and fees for commercial and educational groups. Please contact the parks and sites directly for details on specific services and reservation requirements.

To add your company to our mailing list and to receive travel trade information, please call (902) 426-3436.

For Your Convenience

This legend identifies the services which may be available at the parks

and sites. Watch for these symbols throughout the Vacation Planner.

-  Public washrooms
-  Pit privies
-  Parking
-  Public telephone
-  Gift/Book shop
-  Restaurant/Coffee shop
-  Convenience store
-  Picnic facilities
-  Laundromat
-  Totally or partially accessible. Services, including closed captioning, vary; please inquire.

Viking Pin



GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

WEST COAST - Gros Morne National Park (709) 458-2417

Gros Morne is a truly magnificent place with a rich variety of scenery, wildlife and recreational activities. With its landscape of mountains, fjords and scenic coastline, it offers world-class outdoor adventure opportunities such as hiking, camping and kayaking.

Because of its geological significance, Gros Morne was designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Here you will learn about an ancient ocean and the collision of continents. You can visit arctic-alpine barrens populated by caribou and Arctic hare,

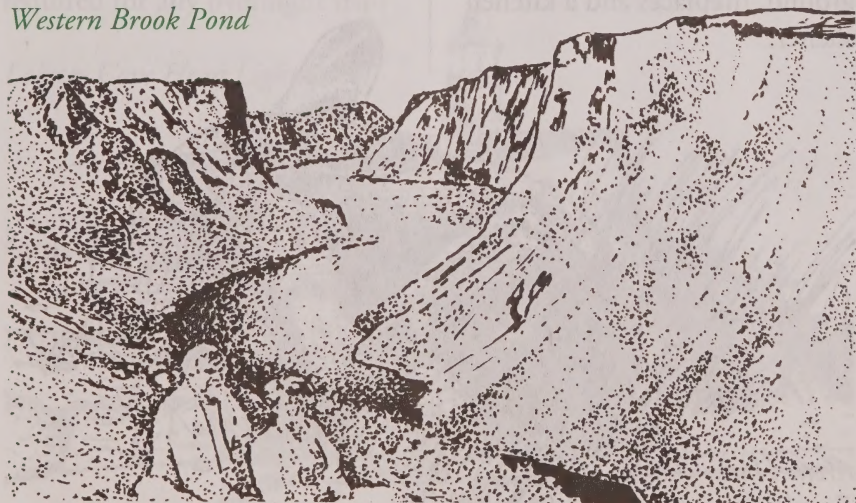
discover the coast's 4,500-year-old human history, and find out what tuckamore are.

The Park is open year-round and offers exceptional autumn hiking and cross-country skiing in the winter.

Getting There

Follow the Viking Trail (Hwy 430) which branches north off the Trans-Canada Highway at Deer Lake. The Park entrance is 30 km from Deer Lake; the Visitor Centre in Rocky Harbour is an additional 41 km from the southern Park entrance.

Western Brook Pond



Activities

Camping

With its exceptional campgrounds and backcountry camping experiences, Gros Morne offers something for everyone. Whether your preference is the convenience of showers and flush toilets or exploring the backcountry with only a compass as your guide, you'll find it in Gros Morne.

Frontcountry Camping

Shallow Bay

Fifty wooded and open sites metres from a sandy beach. Showers, flush toilets, dumping station, playground, fireplaces and a kitchen shelter.

Berry Hill

Centrally located with 152 wooded sites. Showers, flush toilets, dumping station, playground, fireplaces and a kitchen shelter.

Green Point

Nestled in tuckamore and only metres from a spectacular cobblestone beach, this campground has 18 sites. Fireplaces, kitchen shelter, tap water, vault toilets.

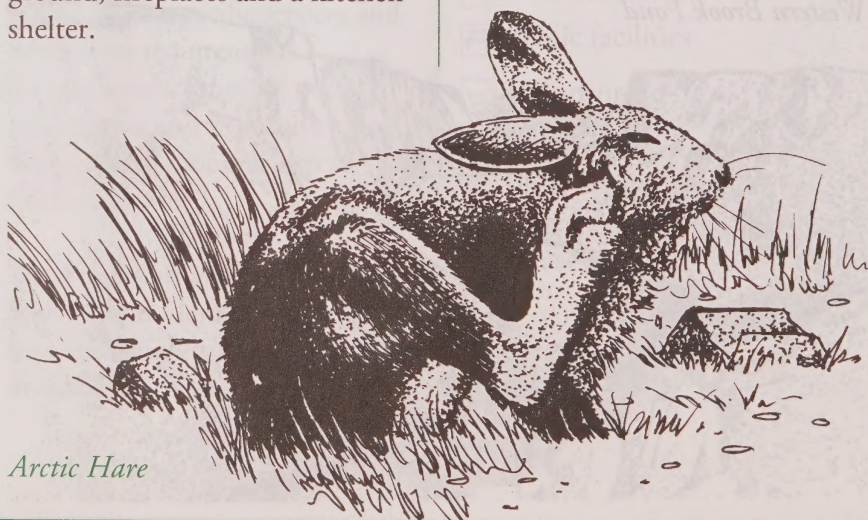
Lomond

Oceanside campground with 29 open, grassy sites with outstanding views of Bonne Bay and the Long Range Mountains.

Showers, flush toilets, dumping station, playground, fireplaces, kitchen shelter, wharf and boat launch.

Trout River

A good base for exploring the Tablelands, this campground has 33 large grassy sites with spectacular views of Trout River Pond and the Tablelands.



Arctic Hare

Showers, flush toilets, fireplaces, kitchen shelter, boat launch, close to Trout River Pond boat tour.

Backcountry Camping

With its challenging terrain Gros Morne offers the ultimate backcountry camping experience. If you are planning to enter the backcountry, please ensure that you have a topographic map and a compass. You must also register at the Visitor Centre for overnight hikes. The Hiking Section indicates which trails offer backcountry camp sites.

Hiking

More than 100 km of trails offer a variety of hiking adventures, ranging from easy trails to more challenging backcountry wilderness excursions requiring advanced skill levels. Permits are required for any overnight trips

into the backcountry; check at the Visitor Centre for information. All trail lengths listed below are one-way distances (except for looped trails) so be sure to plan enough time to hike in and back out.

Trail difficulty is indicated: Easy, Moderate, Difficult.

Old Mail Road (E)

Follows shoreline and dense coastal forest. 2 km.

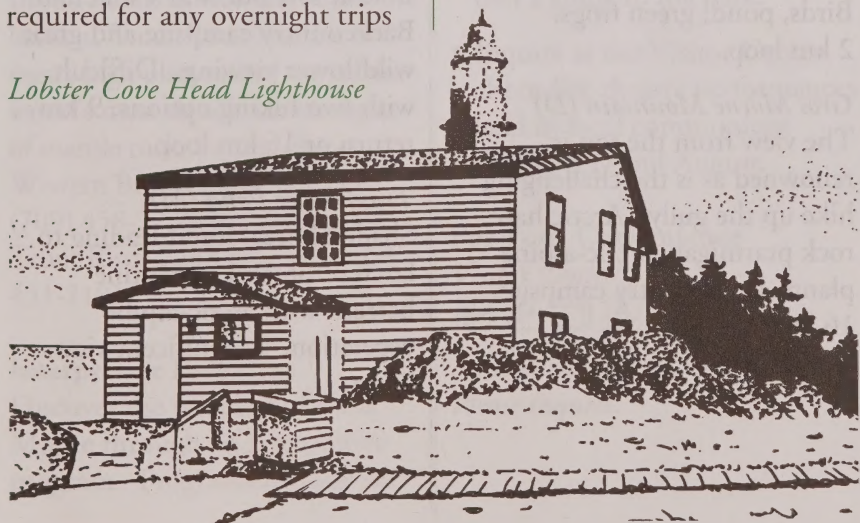
Broom Point (E)

Travel through tuckamore to a coastal meadow. 0.5 km.

Western Brook Pond (E)

Interpretive trail crossing coastal bogs and low forested limestone ridges over gentle terrain and boardwalks leading to the Western Brook Pond boat tour. Spectacular view of the fjord. 3 km.

Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse



Snug Harbour (M)

Leads to a backcountry campsite at the foot of the Long Range Mountains. 8 km.

Green Point (E)

Cobblestone beach, coastal tuckamore, small ponds. 3 km.

Berry Head Pond (E)

Boardwalks, bogs, forest habitats. 2 km loop.

Lobster Cove Head (E)

Shoreline with tidal pools at the base of a lighthouse with interpretive exhibits. 2 km loop.

Bakers Brook Falls (M)

Forested trail leading to a multi-tiered waterfall. 5 km.

Berry Hill (E)

Ancient rocks, scenic views. Easy, but steep climb, 0.75 km.

Berry Hill Pond (E)

Birds, pond, green frogs. 2 km loop.

Gros Morne Mountain (D)

The view from the top is renowned as is the challenging hike up the gully. Arctic hare, rock ptarmigan, arctic-alpine plants, backcountry campsite. 16 km.

Southeast Brook Falls (E)

Short stroll through woods to a waterfall. 0.5 km.

Lomond River (M)

Second-growth forest with side-trails to river. 6 km.

Stuckless Pond (M)

Crosses a suspension bridge then climbs to Stuckless Pond. 4.75 km.

Stanleyville (M)

Climbs over a ridge and down to a cove which was once the site of a small community. Backcountry campsite. 2 km.

Lookout (M)

Steep rise to the best panoramic view in the Park. 2.5 km.

Green Gardens (D)

Leads to a coast of sea stacks, volcanic cliffs, a sea cave accessible at low tide and a waterfall. Backcountry campsite and great wildflower viewing. Difficult, with two hiking options: 9 km return or 16 km loop.

Trout River Pond (M)

Shaded boreal forest leading to larch scrub and serpentine barrens with arctic-alpine vegetation. Magnificent views. 7 km.

Tablelands (M)

Unusual geology and wildflowers. 2 km.

Long Range Mountains (D)

The ultimate backcountry challenge with pre-trip orientation required. Backcountry camping. Very difficult, 3-5 day hike, no trail.

Kayaking

Guided interpretive sea kayaking tours are available through Gros Morne Adventure Guides. For details call (709) 458-2722.

Boat Tours

Experience some of the world's most unique geological features — which have resulted in the Park's designation as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel inside an ancient fjord at Western Brook Pond; or view the Tablelands at Trout River Pond, a 600 metre high plateau and one of the world's most significant examples of mantle rock. For details on Western Brook Pond tour call (709) 458-2730; for details on Trout River Pond tour call (709) 451-2101.

Interpretive Programs

Discover the wonders of Gros Morne through an interpretive program. Programs include sea

kayaking on Bonne Bay, guided walks of the Tablelands, The Little Bog of Horrors, evening talks and much more.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- The recommended visiting time is 3-5 days for general sightseeing and frontcountry recreation. Allow 4-6 days for backcountry excursions.
- Begin your visit at the Visitor Centre where our staff can help plan your visit. There are also exhibits and multi-image programs that provide an orientation to the Park and a glimpse of its wonders.
- Chat with a fisherman at Broom Point, a restored fishing premises.
- Pick up a copy of *Tuckamore*, a user's guide to the park.
- Inquire at the Visitor Centre about live theatre performances held in local communities during July and August.

For Your Convenience

Visitor Centre



Services vary throughout the Park. Please inquire.

Gros Morne National Park

Legend

-  Camping
-  Backcountry Camping
-  Group Camping
-  Hiking Trail
-  Boat Tour
-  Information
-  Accommodations
-  Interpretive Sea Kayaking



PORT AU CHOIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

This site preserves the most significant Maritime Archaic Indian site in North America. Here, nature has preserved a time capsule of rare importance.

While prehistoric coastlines have long since slipped beneath the encroaching ocean, the raised shoreline and alkaline soil conditions at Port au Choix have combined to preserve rich vestiges of three ancient cultures: the Dorset Eskimo, the Groswater Eskimo and the Maritime Archaic Indian. Discover this remarkable place where the wealth of the sea has supported human settlement for over 4,500 years.

Getting There

Port au Choix is located approximately 230 km north of Deer Lake. Follow the Viking Trail (Hwy 430), 110 km north of Gros Morne National Park.

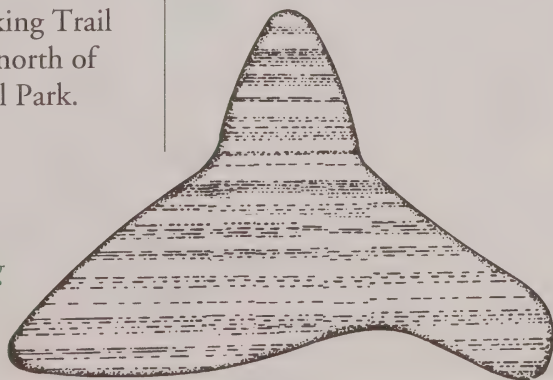
Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend 1-2 hours at the Site.
- Begin your visit in the new Visitor Centre where artifacts, exhibits and dioramas tell the fascinating story of these ancient cultures.
- Inquire at the Visitor Centre about the best places to view the area's interesting geology and wildflowers.
- Walk or drive to Point Riche and visit the lighthouse.

For Your Convenience



Killer Whale Carving



Atlantic Canada's National Parks and National Historic Sites

New Brunswick

1. St. Andrews Blockhouse
2. Carleton Martello Tower
3. Fundy National Park
4. Monument-Lefebvre / Acadian Odyssey
5. Fort Beauséjour
6. Kouchibouguac National Park
7. Beaubears Island
- ▲ Saint Croix Island
International Historic Site

Nova Scotia

8. Fort Edward
9. Grand-Pré
10. New England Planters Exhibit
11. Fort Anne
12. Port-Royal
13. Kejimikujik National Park
14. Bank Fishery/Age of Sail Exhibit
15. York Redoubt
16. Halifax Citadel
17. Georges Island
18. Prince of Wales Tower
19. Fort McNab
20. Grassy Island
21. Alexander Graham Bell
22. Cape Breton Highlands National Park
23. Marconi
24. Fortress of Louisbourg
25. St. Peters Canal

Prince Edward Island (PEI)

26. Fort Amherst-Port-la-Joye
27. Province House
28. Ardgowan
29. Prince Edward Island National Park

Newfoundland and Labrador

30. Gros Morne National Park
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33. Red Bay
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36. Hawthorne Cottage
37. Signal Hill
38. Cape Spear
39. Castle Hill





Newfoundland and Labrador

Locator map only. Please refer to the official provincial highway map for details.

L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

As the site of the first European settlement in North America nearly 1000 years ago, L'Anse aux Meadows ranks among the world's most significant archaeological properties. The Norse called this land Vinland. Today the outlines of their encampment can still be seen at this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Reconstructed sod huts let you experience first-hand the warm, smoky atmosphere of these efficient buildings. Walking trails guide you through reconstructed areas, while affording a dramatic view of the ocean that brought these hardy men and women to this coast.

Getting There

L'Anse aux Meadows is located north of St. Anthony; however, turn left off Hwy 430 onto Hwy 436; this turn-off is approximately 10 km south of St. Anthony. Once on Hwy 436 drive 29 km to the site.



Norse Sod Huts

Making the Most of Your Visit

- The recommended visiting time is 2-3 hours.
- Costumed Viking re-enactors will educate and entertain you with demonstrations and stories. Be sure to spend time chatting with them as they recreate life in this harsh environment 1000 years ago inside full-scale replicas of Norse sod buildings.
- View exhibits, dioramas, models and artifacts in the Visitor Centre.
- Watch the film of world-renowned archaeologists Helge and Anne Steine Ingstad's search for and discovery of the site.
- Enjoy the scenic coastline and abundant wildflowers on the hiking trail.


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Visitor Centre



The Site



 *with assistance*

RED BAY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Once booming with activity, Red Bay is now a quiet, charming community. Red Bay was the centre of a Basque whaling operation believed to have been one of the most important of its kind during the last half of the 16th century.

Evidence of the 16th-century whaling operation was found throughout the community. One of the best places to view these remains is Saddle Island, where archaeologists discovered the remains of a number of structures and a cemetery where 140 Basque whalers were laid to rest more than 400 years ago.

A Spanish galleon believed to be the *San Juan*, was found lying in deep silt at the bottom of Red Bay Harbour in 1978. The ship is an example of the naval architecture that allowed Europeans to colonize the New World in the 16th century.

Getting There

Red Bay is located on the south-eastern coast of Labrador. Follow the Viking Trail (Hwy 430) north to St. Barbe where a ferry crosses daily to Blanc Sablon, Quebec. The Site is a 88 km drive from Blanc Sablon.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend 2-3 hours exploring the Site.
- Begin your visit at the new Parks Canada Visitor Reception Centre where an original Basque whaling boat retrieved from Red Bay Harbour is on display. The Orientation Centre operated by the Town will be closed in 1998 for renovations, but will re-open in 1999 with enhanced exhibits and services.
- Take the boat to Saddle Island to visit numerous Basque archaeological sites.

For Your Convenience

Visitor Centre



TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK

The dense coniferous forests of Terra Nova National Park soften the rugged land that reaches out into the open sea in long thin fingers. Since the days of the Beothuk and early European settlers, people have found refuge in this area.

From mighty whales roaming the rich feeding grounds of the Sounds to the bear, moose and orchids of the boreal habitat, this area has supported an impressive array of marine and terrestrial life for thousands of years.

Getting There

Terra Nova National Park is about 80 km east of Gander and 240 km west of St. John's. The Trans-Canada Highway runs through the Park. From June to

October, visitor information is available at the Marine Interpretation Centre; during the winter, information can be obtained at the Administration Building at Newman Sound.

Activities

Marine Interpretation Centre

Journey from a shoreline habitat to the depths of the ocean in the Park's newest attraction. A touch tank, aquariums, exhibits, interpretive programs and videos reveal the sea's mysteries.



Moose

Camping

A variety of front and backcountry camping facilities will make your experience an enjoyable one. Permits are required for overnight trips into the backcountry; check at the Marine Interpretation Centre for information.

Frontcountry Camping

Newman Sound

Large campground with 374 open and wooded sites, 66 of which have electrical hook-ups. Showers, flush toilets, grocery store, bike rentals, snack bar, laundromat, dumping station, communal fire pits, kitchen shelters.

Malady Head

Wooded campground with 99 sites. Showers, flush toilets, individual site fire pits, kitchen shelters.

Backcountry Camping

Minchins Cove

Oceanside meadow with 6 sites. Accessible via the Outport Trail, sea kayak or tour boat.

South Broad Cove

Eight forested, oceanside sites. Accessible via the Outport Trail, sea kayak or tour boat.

Beachy Pond

Wooded area with 4 sites. Accessible only by canoe; canoe rentals available at Sandy Pond. Fires not permitted.

Dunphy's Island

Located on an island, these 4 sites are accessible only by canoe; canoe rentals available at Sandy Pond.

Dunphy's Pond

A wooded, 5-site area accessible by hiking trail or canoe; canoe rentals available at Sandy Pond.

Hiking

More than 60 km of trails offer a variety of walking and hiking adventures, ranging from easy trails to more challenging backcountry wilderness excursions. All trail lengths listed below are one-way distances, except for looped trails.

Trail difficulty is indicated: easy, moderate.

Green Head Cove (E)

Woodpeckers, shorebirds, waterfowl, 2.5 km.

Malady Head (M)

Impressive views, mosses, lichens, 2.0 km.

Louil Hill (E)

Sheep laurel, trembling aspen, 4.0 km loop.

Southwest Brook (E)

Picnic area, beaver dam, waterfowl, 4.0 km.

Blue Hill West (E)

Large birch trees, pine marten, owls, 4.0 km.

Buckley Cove (E)

Shorebirds, excellent view of Mount Stamford, 4.0 km.

Coastal (E)

Interpretive exhibits, shorebirds, views of coastline, small waterfall, 4.5 km.

Outport (M)

Remnants of pine forest, backcountry camping at South Broad Cove and Minchins Cove, 17.5 km.

Campground (E)

Moose, bald eagles, black-backed woodpeckers, spruce grouse, 2.0 km loop.

Ochre Hill (E)

Interesting geology, pitcher plants, green frogs, scenic view, 3.0 km loop.

Sandy Pond (E)

Beaver dam, pitcher plants, self-guiding, 3.0 km loop.

Dunphy's Pond (E)

Forest with large pond and bogs, backcountry camping, 5.0 km.

Sea Kayaking

Kayaking is one of the best ways to explore the fascinating marine environment and coastline of Terra Nova. Guided interpretive sea kayaking tours are provided by Terra Nova Adventure Tours. Call (709) 256-8687 for details.

Boat Tour

Interpretive excursions of Newman Sound are provided by Ocean Watch Tours. Call (709) 533-6024 for details.

Golf

Considered one of Atlantic Canada's best, Twin Rivers, is a challenging public 18-hole course boasting superb scenery. It is recommended that you call in advance to book tee-off times, (709) 543-2626.

Other Recreational Activities

Sandy Pond offers supervised swimming and a variety of small boat rentals. Call (709) 677-2221 for details. Bicycles are available for rent at the Newman Sound Service Centre. Picnicking facilities are located throughout the park.

Bald Eagle

Interpretive Programs

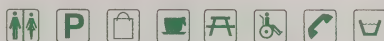
A variety of programs are offered including a Junior Naturalist program, guided walks and campfire programs. Please inquire upon your arrival in the Park for dates and times.

Making the Most of Your Visit

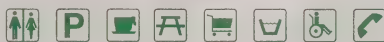
- The recommended visiting time is 2-3 days for general sightseeing and recreation. Allow 3-5 days for backcountry excursions.
- Stop by the Marine Interpretation Centre where Park staff will be able to help you plan your visit and answer your questions.

For Your Convenience

Marine Interpretation Centre















Newman Sound Service Centre

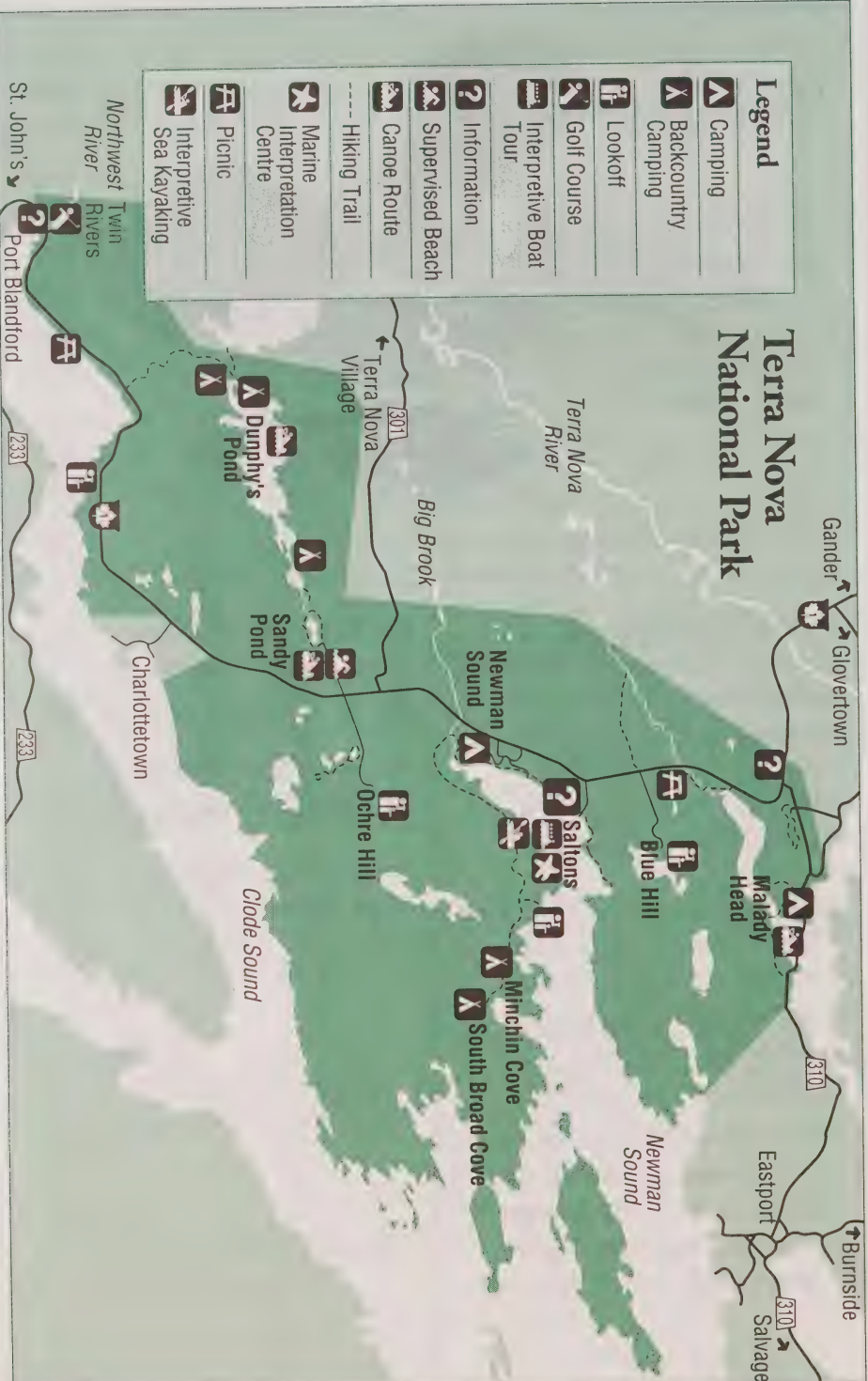


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Please inquire.*

Legend

-  Camping
-  Backcountry Camping
-  Lookoff
-  Golf Course
-  Interpretive Boat Tour
-  Information
-  Supervised Beach
-  Canoe Route
-  Hiking Trail
-  Marine Interpretation Centre
-  Picnic
-  Interpretive Sea Kayaking

Terra Nova National Park



CASTLE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Founded in 1662, Plaisance as Placentia was known then, was designed to protect the French fishing interests in Newfoundland and the approaches to New France. From Plaisance, French forces successfully raided British settlements during times of war while Fort Royal, atop Castle Hill, protected the colony from attack by British warships.

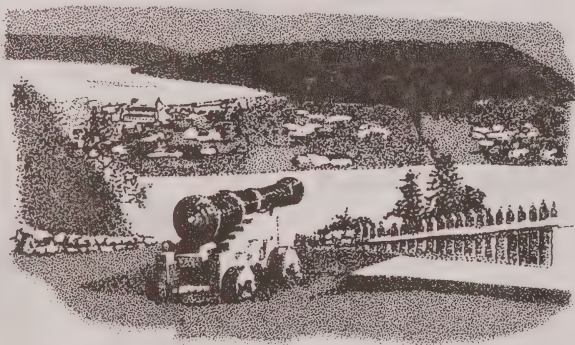
In 1713, the French gave up their right to settlement in Newfoundland and established a new stronghold at Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island. British settlers replaced the French and their soldiers garrisoned the fortifications until 1811. Today, the ruins of these fortifications stand as a reminder of our colonial heritage and the historic significance of the Atlantic fishery.

Getting There

Castle Hill is located in Jerseyside, Placentia Bay, approximately 120 km southwest of St. John's and just minutes from the Argentina ferry terminal.

Making the Most of Your Visit


- Plan to spend at least one hour to visit the Site.
- Explore the exhibits at the Visitor Centre and discover what life was like for the fishing families and soldiers who lived here.
- Enjoy the spectacular view from the ruins.
- Attend *Faces of Fort Royal*, a live theatre performance.
- Pack a picnic and hike along the trails leading to the detached fortifications on Castle Hill.



Ruins of Fort Royal

For Your Convenience



 grounds accessible with assistance; washrooms are accessible

SIGNAL HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Standing guard over St. John's Harbour, Signal Hill has played a key role in military and communications history since the early 18th century. Flag signals flown on the hill announced the arrival of military and mercantile ships. After the British garrison was withdrawn from Newfoundland in 1870, the empty barrack buildings on Signal Hill were used as hospitals. And it was in one of these buildings that Guglielmo Marconi made communications history in 1901 with the reception of the first trans-Atlantic wireless radio signal.

Getting There

The Site is located in St. John's at the top of Signal Hill Road.

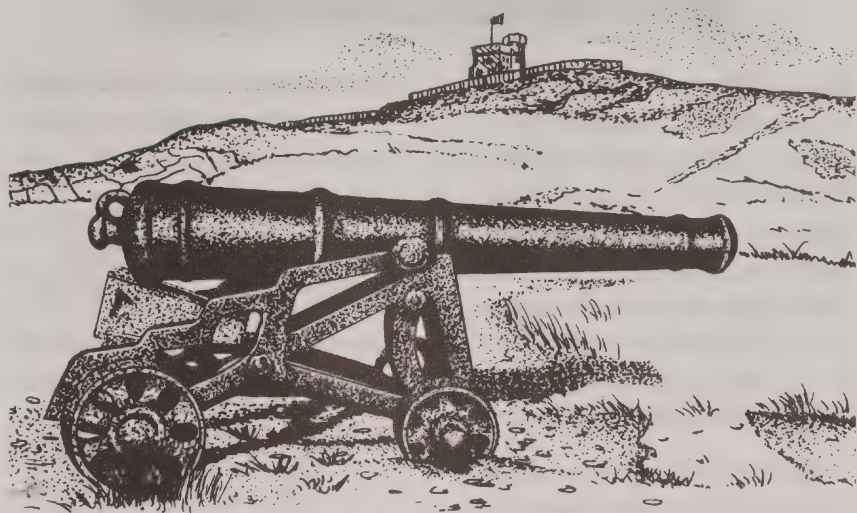
Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend 30 minutes to one hour to view the exhibits inside the Visitor Centre. While in the Visitor Centre make sure you obtain information on the guided history tour, the Tattoo and other things to see and do.

- Enjoy the breathtaking view from Cabot Tower, built between 1897 and 1900 to commemorate Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and the 400th anniversary of John Cabot's explorations of North America.
- Tour the Lookout Trail and discover some of our most exciting history.
- Hike the challenging North Head Trail or one of Signal Hill's other trails.

Tattoo Soldiers





Signal Hill

- Visit the Queen's Battery to learn about how St. John's Harbour was defended in the 1860s.
- Attend the Signal Hill Tattoo, a 19th-century military pageant with period costumes, cannon fire and musket drills.
- Watch for whales, icebergs and seabirds.

For Your Convenience

Visitor Centre    

Cabot Tower  

CAPE SPEAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

At Cape Spear, the most easterly point in North America, the oldest surviving lighthouse in Newfoundland has stood since 1836 providing guidance for mariners approaching St. John's. Restored to its original appearance, the lighthouse interprets the life of a 19th-century lightkeeper and his family.

At the tip of the Cape stands the remains of Fort Cape Spear. The gun emplacements of this coastal defence battery are silent reminders of World War II. Today they form a natural amphitheatre where visitors can enjoy summer concerts.

Cape Spear is also an excellent place to observe whales, icebergs and seabirds during the spring and summer.

Getting There

Cape Spear is 11 km southeast of St. John's on Highway 11.

Making the Most of Your Visit

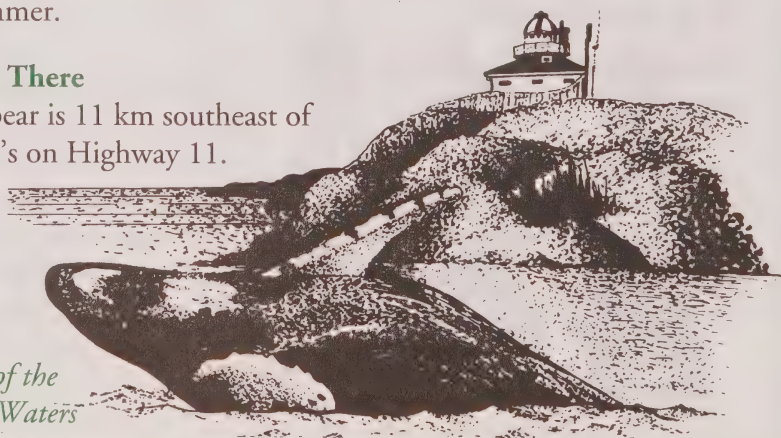
- Plan to spend at least one hour at the Site.
- Visit the restored lighthouse and see how a 19th-century lightkeeper lived and worked.
- Enjoy the exhibits and visit the gift shop in the Visitor Centre.
- Walk through the gun battery, a chilling reminder of how close World War II came to Newfoundland's shores.
- Take in *Amber Evenings*, a summer concert series featuring traditional music.

For Your Convenience

Visitor Centre



*Whales of the
Coastal Waters*



HAWTHORNE COTTAGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Nestled in the historic community of Brigus, Hawthorne Cottage offers a glimpse of the life of Captain Robert Bartlett, Canada's foremost Arctic explorer. In 1908, Bartlett was captain of the *Roosevelt*, the ship which took Robert E. Peary to Ellesmere Island, prior to his trip to the North Pole. "Captain Bob" sailed Arctic waters on more than 20 voyages, making possible scientific work which forever changed our knowledge of the north.

Built in 1830, Hawthorne Cottage is one of the few remaining intact examples of the picturesque or *cottage orné* architectural style in Newfoundland.

Getting There

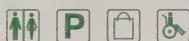
Brigus is approximately a one-hour drive from St. John's. Turn right off the Trans-Canada Highway onto Rte 70.

Travel approximately 18 km and turn right again at Rte 60 and follow the signs to Brigus.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least one hour to visit the Site. In addition to knowledgeable interpreters, there are listening posts, artifacts and exhibits.
- Drop by the gift shop for a souvenir of your visit.
- While exploring this charming 400-year-old community, be sure to visit the Stone Barn Museum, Wilcox Gardens and "The Tunnel".

For Your Convenience



RYAN PREMISES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The East Coast fishery has profoundly influenced the settlement, culture, lifestyle and economic development of Atlantic Canada. Learn more about the inshore, international, Labrador fisheries and sealing at the Ryan Premises.

Don't be surprised if your nose tingles with the smell of salt fish. For hundreds of years, merchant-run salt fish complexes, such as the Ryan Premises, served as key economic forces behind Newfoundland's inshore fishery. In the early 1800s, the world-wide demand for fish was so great that salt cod was considered "Newfoundland's currency." In its heyday, the Ryan Premises was a thriving business in one of Newfoundland's largest fishing communities.

Getting There

The Site is located in Bonavista, about 114 km from Clarenville.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least one hour to explore the Site; add another two hours to your visit if

you plan to attend the theatre performance.

- Enjoy live theatre in the Fish Store where Rising Tide Theatre will intrigue you with a tale that extends to both sides of the Atlantic when fish was a valuable commodity traded around the world.
- Learn about Newfoundland outport furniture in the salt shed.
- Explore the heritage buildings, some of which have been re-connected by the above-ground pedways which were essential during the Premises' heyday to move goods about. Today, they provide a unique and fun way to explore the Site.
- Discover Bonavista's history at the Bonavista Museum on the second floor of the retail store.
- Pick up a finely-crafted souvenir in the Site's heritage shops.

For Your Convenience



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